# DEMENTED NEGRO ATTACKS WOMEN

One Choked and Kicked Into Insensibility and Man Who Intervenes Knocked Down.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., September 28 .- James Chappelle, a demented negro, created great excitement this morning on the atreets by attacking three white women, and was only captured and subdued after a desperate fight with white men and others who witnessed the

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Two of the women who were attacked, suffering no injuries, escaped, and their names were not learned by the police; but Mrs. Chronester, who was attacked, was choked and kicked into insensibility before she was rescued. B. E. Tebault, the first man to her assistance, was knocked in the head by the negro.

The assaults occurred this morning shortly before 7 o'clock, and Mrs. Chronester had just left her home to go to the market. When assaulted she gave the alarm, and Mr. Tebault, first to reach her, was dazed by the olow the negro struck him. When J. S. Powell, another neighbor, rushed to Mr. Tebault's assistance, the negro sought refuge in flight. The two men gave chase; others joined in including Patrolman Moore, and the negro was finally overhauled, subdued and sent to the police station.

At the station Chappelle was recognized as the man who attempted to assault several other white women daring the morning. He shows every indication of being demented.

Mrs. Chronester was rendered unconscious by the treatment she received, and was unable to appear in court at 9 o'clock this morning. The case against the negro was postponed until to-morrow morning.

#### NEWS OF FREDERICKSBURG.

Rrandy Distillery Captured—To Lay High School Corner-Stone. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 78.—Deputy Collector J. B. Wood, assisted by Revenue Officer C. H. Dear, captured a brandy distillery in Madisson county a few days ago. They destroyed 10 gallons of brandy, 1.500 kallons of pomace and demolished the distillery. The operator made his escape, and the officers do not know to whom the distillery belonged.
Rev. J. P. Essex, of Urbanna, who was operated on for appendictis in Norfolk a few days ago, is recovering. The business men of Orange have organized a Business Men's Association by electing H. O. Lyne president and H. G. Shackelford secretary.
The corner-stone laying and dedication of the new addition to the high school building at Orange will take place October 5th, under the auspices of the Orange Lodge, No. 13s. of Masons, The officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia will participate, and Governor Claude A. Swanson will deliver an oration.

It. Robert Emmett Mason Goolrick, of Judge and Mrs. John T. Goolrick, this city, has successfully passed the appetitive examination for second itenant in the United States Army, I has received his commission. He I be in the artillery service. t. H. Chiles, of Fluvanna county, and so Nellie Wright, daughter of John ight, of Louisa county, were marif a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county was a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home, of the county is a few days ago at the home.



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# Petersburg News

Jury Fails to Agree

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSHURG, VA., September 2S.

—The jury in the case of John Ashby Mullen, on trial for murder, after
several hours' conference, failed to
agree upon a verdlet to-night, and
was discharged by the court. It
is learned that three stood for murder in the first degree, four for
murder in the second degree, and
five for manslaughter.

The trial of John Ashby Mullen, indicted for the murder on the afternon of July 25th last of Elijah L. Cole, was begun in the Hustings Court this morning. Though the details of the killing were given wide publicity, a jury was obtained with but little delay. The court room was well filled with spectators, including many friends of the prisoner from Ettrick, where Mullen was born and reared, a number of whom testified to his good reputation as a man and workman in this community. Upon his arraignment Mullen pleaded not guilty. Mrs. Minnie Mullen, wife of the accused, was called as a witness for the Commonwealth, but on objection by the defense she was not allowed to testify. Mrs. Mullen was in the room at the time Cole was killed, and, according to statements made at the time, she was compelled to fee for her own safety.

Mesers. Hubbard, Heclan and Brister, police officers, briefly testiffed to the conditions they found at Mullen's home, on Rose Street, where they were called, as they supposed, to prevent a disturbance. On arriving in the vicinity they saw Mullen coming out of his yard, and stopped him to enquire what the matter was. Mullen told them to come into the house and see for themselves When they went in Mullen pointed with the word of the murdered man.

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de Shields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Littiton L. Snead, of Tappahannock, to John Loonard Hanley will take place
at St. John's Episcopal Church at Tappahannock on Thursday morning, October ist, at 11 o'clock.

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at the Retreat for the Sick in Richmond, was brought here and interred
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Dr. W. P. Hoy, who made an examination of Cole's body, stated that he found several wounds on the head, the skull cut through by some sharp instrument in two places, showing the brains, and the left upper and lower jaw bones broken.

Carried Note to Cole.

Washington Dunlop, colored, testifled that between 1 and 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the killing, Mullen came to him at the New Market and asked him to take a note to Mr. Cole, who was employed in a store in the neighborhood, and await an answer. He did as requested, and brought back an answer to Mullen. Mr. Brockwell, proprietor of the stere, testified that he saw Cole tear up a note and throw the pleces on the floor. These pleces were gathered up after he heard that Cole had been killed. They were so fragmentary, however, that the sense or contents of the note could not be made out.

The Commonwealth wanted to show that this note had been written by Mrs. Mullen, with her husband's consent, inviting Cole to their home, but was unable to do so, because its contents had been practically destroyed.

J. H. Wells, proprietor of a store on the corner of High and Rose Streets, stated that between 1 and 3 o'clock, on the afternoon of the killing Mullen came to his place and asked for the loan of a pistol, saying he wanted to shoot or kill a cat, but did not get it.

Mullen, the accused, was put on the stand, and testified in his own defense. He gave his age as thirty-one; said he was born and raised in Ettrick, but liad lived in Petersburg for some years. He was married to Minnie Belcher, an inmate of a house of ill-fane, on the lat of May, 1907. He had heard nothing against her character since the marriage. On the afternoon of July 28th he came downstairs after having been usleep for some time on a pallet, and looking through the window hitned into his wife's room, he saw his wife's

and a man lying in bed together. He lost control of himself, and went to Mr. Wells's store to borrow a gun, with

Mr. Wells's store to borrow a gun, with the intention, he declared, of killing both the man and the woman. In two or three minutes he returned, found the back door barred, and had to get in through the front ooor, carrying an axe. He found his wife undressed. He did not know who the man was and did not stop to inquire, but, in his wild excitement, attacked him with the axe. It was his intention, he again declared, to kill both the man and his wife. He did not find out until afterwards that it was Cole whom he had killed. He never knew anything of Cole's visits to his home, and did not know anything of the contents of the

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Inspection of Peiersburg Grays,
The officers and enlisted men of the Petersburg Grays were inspected tonight by Colonel Jo Lane Stern, Inspector-General of the State. A number of people were present to witness
the inspection, and the company presonted an excellent appearance.

The funeral of the late Colonel Samuel B. Paul took place from St. Paul's
Episcopal Church this morning, the
Rev. Dr. R. W. Barnwell conducting
the services. The following gentlemen
acted as pall-bearers:
Honorary—Captain John R. Patterson, George S. Bernard, Henry C. Roper
and M. K. Cary.

Active—Charles Lunsford, Sidney
Welsiger, W. P. Arrington, Walter D.
McKenney, William Friend and E. G.
Friend.

Miss Annie May Deadmon, twenty-

Friend.
Miss Annie May Deadmon, iwenty-one years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Deadmon, died Satur-day evening, and her funeral took place

day evening, and her lunerar toolay.

Mr. Anderson Tucker, who died yesterday in Chase City, was a former well-known barber of Petersburg. The body was brought here for burial, and the funeral took place this afternoon from Ettrick M. E. Church.

An eastbound coal train on the Norfolk and Western Railway jumped the track near Zuni last evening, and about twenty loaded gondolas were thrown from the rails and weeked.

Personals and Briefs.

The "instruction car" of the Norfolk and Western Railway has been brought to the city, with a corps of instructors to teach employes in the art of handling airbrakes.

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Hon, Francis Rives Lassiter, member of Congress from this district, has returned from Europe, where he spent some weeks in traveling. Mr. Lassiter will give immediate attention to organization for the presidential campaign in the district.

Two negroes doing business in Farmville as Logan Brothers, were arrested in this city yesterday and sent back to be tried for stealing a phonograph and records. The stolen property was recovered.

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Mr. J. B. McCulloch, supervisor of loose tobacco sales, reports sales of 17,685 pounds at the warehouses the past week. The loose sales for the lyar will approach 5,500,000 pounds.

Food Inspector L. Df. Jones several days ago seized about 200 bags of mill-feed that had been shipped to Waverly without compliance with the pure-food laws.

### FARMERS HAVE BIG RALLY

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Exhibition of Farm Products and Instructive Speaking in Fluvanna. [Speaking in Fluvanna. [Speaking to The Times-Dispatch.] Friday, September 25th, all roads in Fluvanna led to Palmyrax the occasion being the gathering of the farmers of the county for a grand raily of the Farmers' Association. On the courting of the farmers of the county for a grand raily of the Farmers' Association. On the courting green a number of attractive speeches on subjects close to the farmers hear were delivered by distinguished speakers. Hon, G. W. Koiner spoke on the committee of the committee

FIND BODY IN CULVERT.

Howard Page Had Probably Tripped Over Wire and Broken His Neck. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., September 28.—
The body of Howard Page, aged seventeen years, who lived at Big Island, was found yesterday afternoon in the mouth of a culvert along the Southern Railway, near the Orange Bridge, the young man evidently having been dead for two days. A cornor's inquest held to-day by Dr. Tallaferro threw little light on the causes leading up to the death of the young man.

There is no suspicion of foul play in connection with Page's death, and it is explained that he probably tripped over a wire leading to a signal and fell headlong into the culvert, breaking his neck and sustaining a fracture of the skull on the back of the head. The fail was about twelve or Afteen feet. Young Page was a nephew of Mrs. W. N. Hall, of No. 2007 Grace Street, and Mr. H. L. Page, a motorman in the service of the Traction and Light Company. He was also a half-brother, or property of the conducting a protracted meeting the order.

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While the Damage Amounts to \$100,000
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORPOLK, September 28.—A further evamination of the damage done by the fire yesterday afternoon at the storage room and guano warehouse of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, Pinner's Point, better known as the Royster plant, will come nearer to totalling \$100,000 than \$35,000, as first reported.

The fire spread with great rapidity, owing to the inflammable nature of the material in the chemical warerooms, and but for the excellent work of the firemen and tugs of the harbor would have proved a total loss.

Officers of the company announce that the fire will not interfere in any way with the company's business.

FORK UNION OPENING.

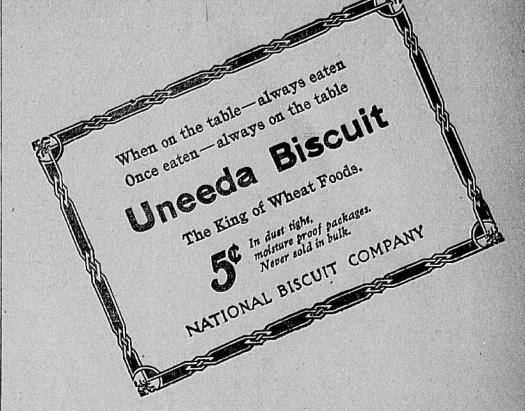
FORK UNION OPENING.

Large Attendance at the Academy and Exercises interesting,
FORK UNION, VA. September 28.—
The Fork Union Military Academy has opened under most favorable conditions. A large number of students have matriculated and others are coming in daily. The public exercises held in the Baptist Church, were highly entertaining, being more elaborate than ever before. The Rev. W. L. Ball delivered a splendid address on "The Relations of a Community to an Academy," The installation of Headmaster M. M. Maynard by the Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, president of the school, was very impressive. The headmaster's speech of acceptance was a gem in every particular, Former Headmaster L. H. Walton was present and made n brief talk to the student body. Dr. McDaniel, of Richmond, also made some highly instructive remarks.

Now members of the faculty introduced were Miss Gay Broadus, Miss Annie Seay, Mr. Roy Daniel, Mr. Floyd Moon and Captain Holly. Dr. Henry Snead was installed as the academy physician. The special music by Mrs. Martha Snead Averett and Misses Annie Seay and Helen Thomas was very fine.

COURT MUST DECIDE
WHETHER CHILD IS WHITE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., September 28.—Justice Simmons to moreow will be called on 10 decide whether a two-year-old child is white or colored. The little one was found in the care of a negress on Cleveland Street, and goes by the name of Theodore, The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty is Children took



the case up, believing it to be a white arrested by Sergeant McNeal, and are child. The negress declares it to be in jail here awaiting the action of the the child of mulattoes in Washington, D. C., and that she is being well paid to raise the boy, having received it when one menth old.

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NORFOLK, VA., September 28.—The German bark Brema, tobacco laden, from New Orleans to Bremen, recently disabled at sea and towed into Hampton Roads by the British steamship Lord Ivengh, was to-day libeled in the Federal Court here by the master of the Lord Ivengh for a claim of \$240,000 60 per cent, of the value of the vessel and her cargo. The Brema is valued at \$20,000 and her cargo at \$360,000.

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The body was sent to Big Island this afternoon for interment.

[Special to The Times-Diapatch.]

BOYDTON, JA., September 28.—Rev. Mr., Kincheice, of Crewe, has been conducting a protracted meeting the past week, united in by all the churches in town. Large crowds are in attendance, and much interest manifested.

NEGRO FATALLY SHOT IN A ROW IN THE DARK

RADFORD, VA: September 28.—John Owen, colored, was shot through the breast, dying a half hour later, Saturday night, at a supper and dance at New River. The men were drinking, and the row occurred in the dark, so it was impossible to learn who did the shooting. Albert and Cora Burnett, Wilmer Clark and James Baylor were

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